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Alive & Well strike familiar tunes on the Riverwalk

Long-standing band Alive & Well performed Thursday night on the Riverwalk stage on a beautiful July night.

Gordon Gould introduced the well-known band in the area. The band members are: Dale and Cindy Adams, Jerry Adams, Brian Adams, Roger MacNaughton, Carl Andrews and Dan Lomas. They brought their high energy sound combined with intricate harmonies and four, dynamic, lead vocalists to the audience while delivering the best in classic rock/pop from the 60s to today. Josh Rose was the half-time act. Next week the River City Jazz Ensemble will perform. Listeners will enjoy the music of the 40s.



Alive & Well had the crowd dancing to the beat on the Riverwalk.

Grand River Expedition 2010 comes to Lowell

The Grand River Expedition 2010 expedition is a journey of discovery down mid-Michigan's Grand River, from its source south of Jackson to its mouth at Lake Michigan. The event started July 14 and runs

effort will contribute to the public's knowledge, awareness and appreciation of the Grand River and how it connects communities across the region for present and future generations.

The watershed analysis and teaching team conducts



through July 26. Grand River Expedition 2010 is coming through Lowell on Thursday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to about 1 p.m. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a lunch for the group of about 100-150 people.

The expedition is made up of a broad coalition of organizations, individuals, and communities traveling down river to identify, study and enjoy the values, challenges and opportunities of the Grand River and its 5,570 square mile watershed. This

studies and explains results as it moves downstream. The expedition offers presentations, displays and demonstrations to communities along the river in an attempt to interact with the river, its tributaries, and its people throughout the watershed. This team includes scientists and students from Michigan State and Grand Valley State universities, local conservation districts and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Bridge replacement project on track for early October completion

by Emma Palova

The downtown bridge replacement project is on track for fall completion. It entered the second phase on the south side approximately two weeks ago. The eastbound traffic is maintained, while westbound traffic remains detoured. Additional detour signing has been posted on

Monroe, Washington and Jefferson streets.

The water in the Flat River has again been drawn down by two feet and the water level will remain down for the next three weeks.

This does affect King Milling because less power is generated from the dam. But,

King Milling will purchase the power necessary from Lowell Light & Power, according to president Brian Doyle.

"It reduces the amount of power," Doyle said.

Signs will be posted

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City approves repair work in town

- New full-time cop on the block

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday approved an additional \$8,700 from the Lowell Cable Television Fund (LCTV) for exterior improvements of the Englehardt Library.

Richard Anderson Builders recently reroofed the building with a total budget of \$60,000 funded from both the LCTV and the Lowell Area Community Fund.

However, the project cost only \$42,500. With the money leftover, the contractor noticed that all the wood exterior trims were badly deteriorating. Anderson gave an estimate of \$26,200 to provide vinyl siding for the trim and cedar shakes on the peaks to eliminate future maintenance.

Although the project was deemed necessary due to

future low maintenance, there was some resistance from the public. Perry Beachum, who sits on the Parks and Recreation committee, questioned the city council amending the money request past the LCTV application deadline.

"Can we amend for more parks projects?" he asked. "The city should wait

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Pink Arrow Pride Day, Aug. 3

by Thad Kraus

In celebration of Gilda's Club of Lowell's 2009 opening of its new remodeled facility at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 314 S. Hudson, a Pink Arrow Pride Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The event will run from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Gilda's Club staff will

be on hand to provide tours to patrons.

Along with tours, free lunch and dinner will be served to all who take part in the day's events.

The Pink Arrow Pride day will also offer the opportunity for members of the community to purchase their Arrow Force III t-shirts, which will serve as

a ticket into the Sept. 10 Pink Arrow football game against Kenowa Hills.

Two Lowell families have pledged \$1 for each shirt sold on Aug. 3.

Supporters of the Pink Arrow game, who are unable to attend the Pink Arrow Pride Day, can purchase their shirts at Pep Talk, 207 E. Main.

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Bocce Ball for the arts

On July 30 the Lowell Area Arts Council will be offering a fun summer fundraiser with an Italian theme - *Bocce for the Arts*. No experience is necessary and awards will be given including last place. Along with the many fun games of Bocce Ball, highlights of the evening include gourmet Small Plates by Tina Marie Greene of Kissing Rock Kitchens and a silent auction of donations with an Italian theme including Italian foods,

beverages, gifts, art and more. Cost is \$25 per person with proceeds benefiting the programs and services of the Lowell Area Arts Council. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Rain date is July 31.



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library design your own creamy summer programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Create your own ice cream sundae
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dogs and handlers who love to hear a good story. Registration is required and participation is limited. Presented in partnership with the West Michigan Therapy Dog Association and Pet Supplies Plus. Wed., August 4 and 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Creative Playtime
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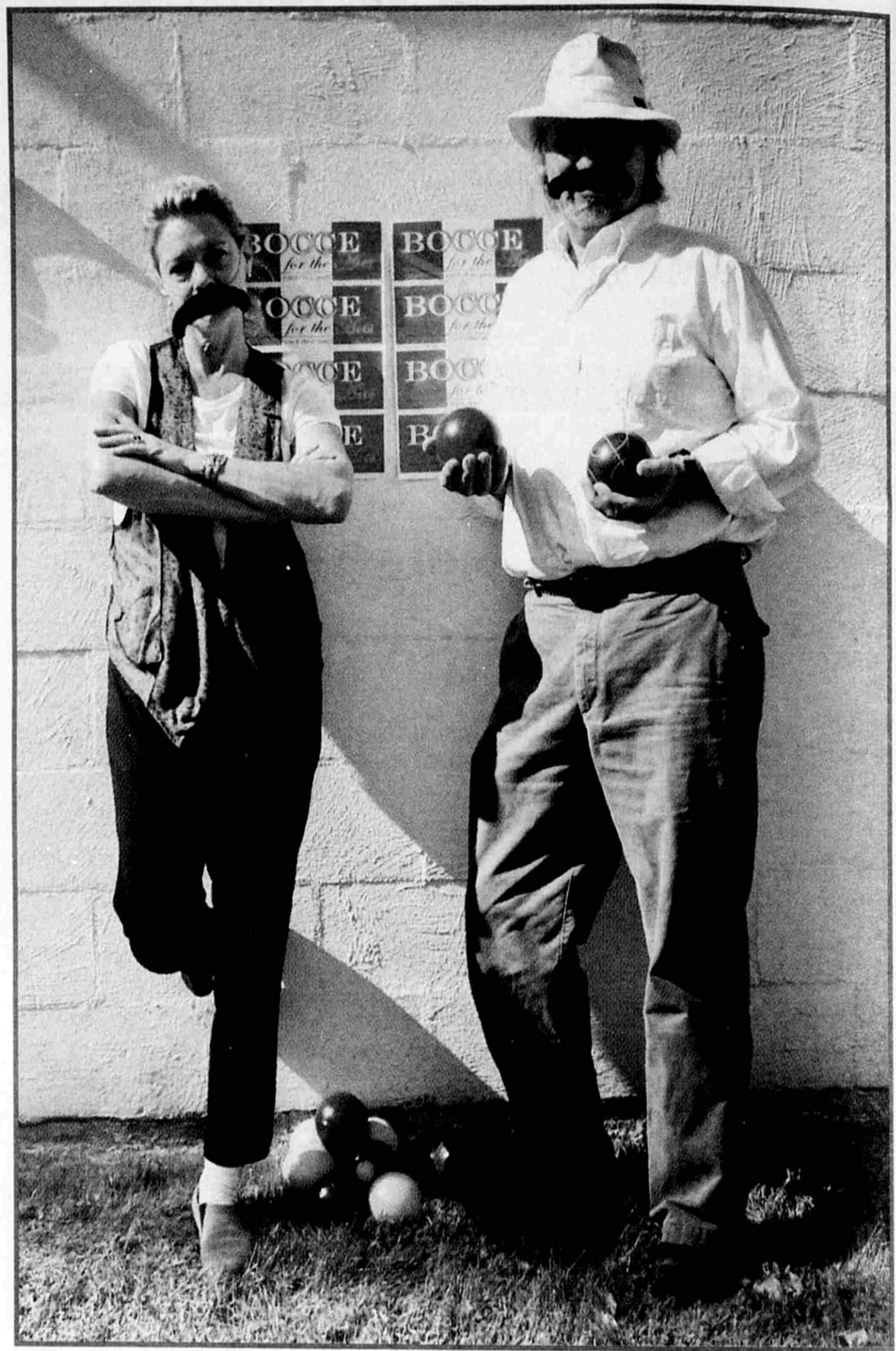


LACROSSE SUMMER CAMP
Boys' and girls' Lowell lacrosse summer camps start Mon., July 26. All camps run July 26-30. Programs for high school boys and girls (grades 9-12), middle school boys and girls (grades 5-8), and youth boys/girls (grades 1-4). See lowelllacrosse.com for details.

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GRATTAN TWILIGHT CANCER WALK
The second annual walk will take place Aug. 19 at Grattan Raceway. Registration begins at 6 p.m., the walk begins at 7 p.m. This walk will be benefiting Gilda's Club of Lowell. Call Donna at 616-481-1718 or visit www.grattantwalk.com for more information.

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Event co-chairs of Bocce for the Arts, Tina Greene and Gary Eldridge.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., August 3, 3-7 p.m. For more information or to schedule a donation time call 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663).

LOWELL CLASS OF 1978 REUNION
August 14 beginning at 5 p.m. at the home of Laura Dey Leasure, 2880 Pratt Lake Ave. Bring own chair and drinks. Send \$10 per person to Laura by Aug. 1. For more information call 897-5739 or lauraleasure@sbcglobal.net

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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on the upstream side of the structures to warn river users of the dam. The areas both above and below the dam are used by local fishermen.

King Milling will provide design drawings for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to review.

The three-week schedule includes the removal of sidewalk on the south side of the bridge, the removal of the deck, the cutting of abutments, and pouring concrete, but no utility work, unlike the north side of the bridge. In phase I, a lot of utilities had to be relocated such as the water main and an AT&T conduit crossing M-21 was placed.

Anlaan contractors have submitted a notice of intent to file a claim for delays related to the relocation of the existing water main and for additional costs associated with the maintaining of storm sewer near abutment on the south side of the bridge. Coring through a concrete block also created additional costs for the contractor, as well as cutting of the sheet piling.

"We'll do as much on the bridge as we can," said Anlaan contractor Dave Frogner.

The mussel survey is ongoing as well as vibration analysis.

Also, the concrete surface sealer may be eliminated from the project based on a request from the Lowell Historic District committee. Project delivery engineer Darrell Heuker said MDOT will recommend to the State Historic Preservation office that the concrete surface sealer be eliminated from the project.

Contractor parking on M21 between Broadway and Water streets is being kept to the minimum.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 28, at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 1 p.m.

Alcohol compliance checks conducted at several area businesses

The Kent County Sheriff's Department has announced that on July 15, the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (K.A.N.E.T) conducted 53 alcohol checks at businesses in the Cities of Lowell, Grandville and Walker and 13 townships in Kent County.

Of the 53 checks, only six stores sold to the underage decoy. All six employees were given a civil infraction ticket for

selling alcohol to a minor.

In addition, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) will be notified of all the locations that were checked as well as if the store was or was not in compliance with the law.

K.A.N.E.T is responsible for drug law violations as well as liquor license violations. It is an important task to try to limit the possible sources for underage drinking. If you

suspect a store is selling alcohol to minors, please contact K.A.N.E.T at 632-6157 or Silent Observer at 774-2345.

KANET is a multi-jurisdictional drug unit that works out of the Kent County Sheriff's office. Investigators from the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Walker and Grandville Police Departments participate with the unit.

It seemed the world was divided into good and bad people. The good ones slept better... while the bad ones seemed to enjoy the waking hours much more.

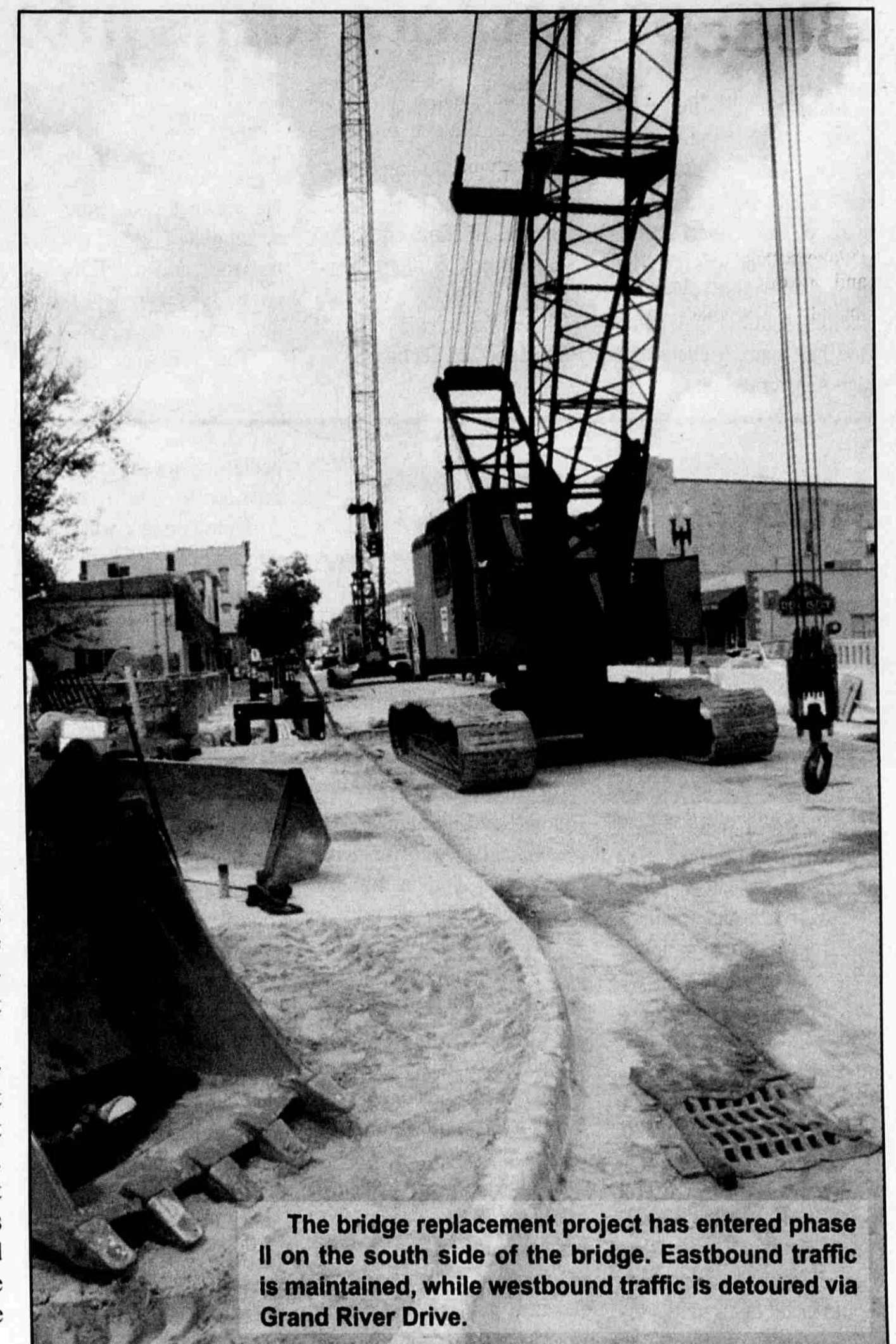
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• THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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Film Festival 2010 offers international movie experience, bestows awards

Note: The Lowell Ledger ran previous stories about the film festival held in the French Riviera on June 9, June 23 and July 7.

In a totally cosmopolitan atmosphere of the small town of Cannes, nestled at the foot of the Maritime

stereotypes and rehearsed themes.

From the most experienced to the least experienced, the directors get to test their craft on a global audience inside the walls of the Palais des Festivals. Their names shine on an outside wall during the 12 days of the film festival held annually in mid May.

Even the local restaurants honor the moviemakers by having their names imprinted on the back of director's chairs. So, you get to pick in whose chair you're going to sip Provençal pink wine and eat bourride with bread soaked in aoli while the mistral from the sea gently ruffles your hair.

In the meantime back at the Theater of Lights, everything is ready for screening. I manage to get a producer's invitation for the gala screening of 'A Screaming Man' by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun from Chad, Africa.

As the tradition calls for it, the creators of the movie walk into the theater the last to the standing ovation of a

full house, 2,500 spectators. Haroun is wearing a blue long festive 'galabia.'

Unlike the traditional depictions of African culture of skinny, naked children

amidst raging civil war and there is only one thing Adam can contribute to the war. He enlists his son Abdel in the army, only to see him die in the war. Adam throws

festival, following an all day of reruns of all the movies screened during the event. The major prize is the Golden Palm and it went to 'Uncle

On the last day of the festival, the audience could screen 20 movie reruns in the different theaters of the Palais des Festivals.

'Of Gods and Men' by French director Xavier Beauvois received the Grand Prix of the festival. It is a movie about French Christian monks living in harmony with their Muslim brothers, until a tragedy happens.

Beauvois came to the final press conference lighting up a cigarette and talking on his cell phone.

But for the most part, the movie makers and the stars were humbled and acted like normal people.

Juliette Binoche received the Golden Palm for best actress in 'Copie Conforme' or 'Certified Copy,' a love story from Southern Tuscany.

Javier Bardem for Biutiful and Italian Elio Germano for La Nostra Vita shared the award for best actor.

"I like meaningful movies," Bardem said. "Biutiful is an intense movie. Life is depressing, but there is hope. The movie shows us how to overcome that."

The best director award went to Mathieu Amalric for 'On Tour,' about burlesque showgirls from America on tour in France.

"I stole their energy," said Amalric.

The best screenplay went to Lee Chang-dong of Korea for 'Poetry.'

Chang-dong expressed hope for all cinema. "We need to present a different kind of cinema to challenge the audience," he said. "We need diversity in movie image. We've become something like a monoculture. We've become so shallow, so mellow. But, cinema fosters understanding in culture. The prize means a lot to me. We need to put in more of a global effort to sustain diversity."



Julie Binoche, best actress, 'Copie Conforme'



Javier Bardem, Elio Germano, best actors, 'Biutiful,' 'La Nostra Vita'

and adults playing in muddy water, the film portrays the story of an aging father, Adam, who works as a swimming pool attendant. The pool gets privatized by Chinese owners and Adam loses his job to his own son, Abdel. However, the country is

the corpse into the river and watches it bob away down the stream.

After the screening, Haroun danced in the alley for the stars outside the palace.

The film won the jury's prize in the 63rd Festival de Cannes awards. Jury president Tim Burton called the movie invigorating.

"It is a story of simplicity, passion and character," he said.

The jury awarded the prizes on the last day of the

Boonmee who can recall his past lives' by Thailand director Apichatpong Weerasethakul.

"All of us have been judged," said Burton. "It's very humbling. We went into this with respect for all filmmakers. The movie has great vitality to it. It stayed with us."

And even though Burton admitted that later the jury may have a different opinion, they made decisions based on the immediate daily screenings of all the movies.



Lee Chang-dong, best screenplay for 'Poetry'

Art exhibition depicts hometown sites

by Emma Palova

The serenity of the North Washington Street pump house depicted in deep earthy hues radiates from the pastel by artist Bonnie Osborne. In depictions of the pump house I and pump house II, Osborne explores the theme

of historic preservation in the area.

The picture is part of the 'My HomeTown' exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Most visitors will recognize the picturesque

sites captured by the exhibiting artists of all ages.

"It gives you a feel of what Lowell is about and a feel about home," said Elaine Hommowun of the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Artist Virginia Wierenga expresses her homely feelings in her portrayal of home titled 'Where I Hang My Heart is Home.'

Historic and hometown themes are also reflected in various portrayals of landmark King Milling buildings, as an integral part of downtown.

Three pictures tastefully placed on a black background definitely convey more warm feelings tied to a hometown. They are 'River & Mill' by

Carol Cole, 'Evening by the Dam' by Jan Johnson and 'Grill' by Brooke Johnson.

"It lets you think what your home thoughts are," said Hommowun.

Elaine Hannink's oil 'Symphony' is bold and invites you to go to a concert.

On the other hand, artist Jan Andre explores nature in her landscapes titled 'Autumn Woods' and 'Wetlands.'

Some artists featured other homely sites from Grand Rapids. Johnson portrayed 'The Levee,' a long gone restaurant on the corner of Lafayette Street. In her acrylic 'Alger Heights,' Wierenga showcases a home with a tree lane and a sidewalk in the front.

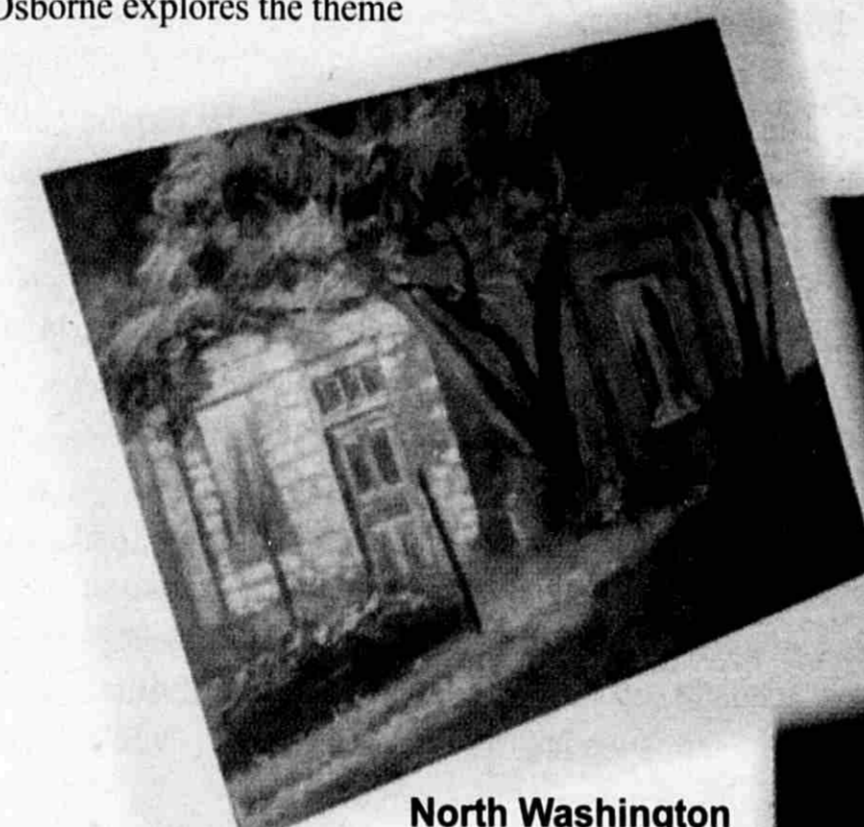
In addition to the exhibit, there is a Creation Station in the gallery so visitors can create their own art.

"It can stay in the gallery or visitors can take it with them," said Hommowun.

People's Choice awards will be given both in the youth and adult categories. Hommowun encourages people to stop by the gallery.

"Check out this Home Town art show and vote for your favorite artwork," she said.

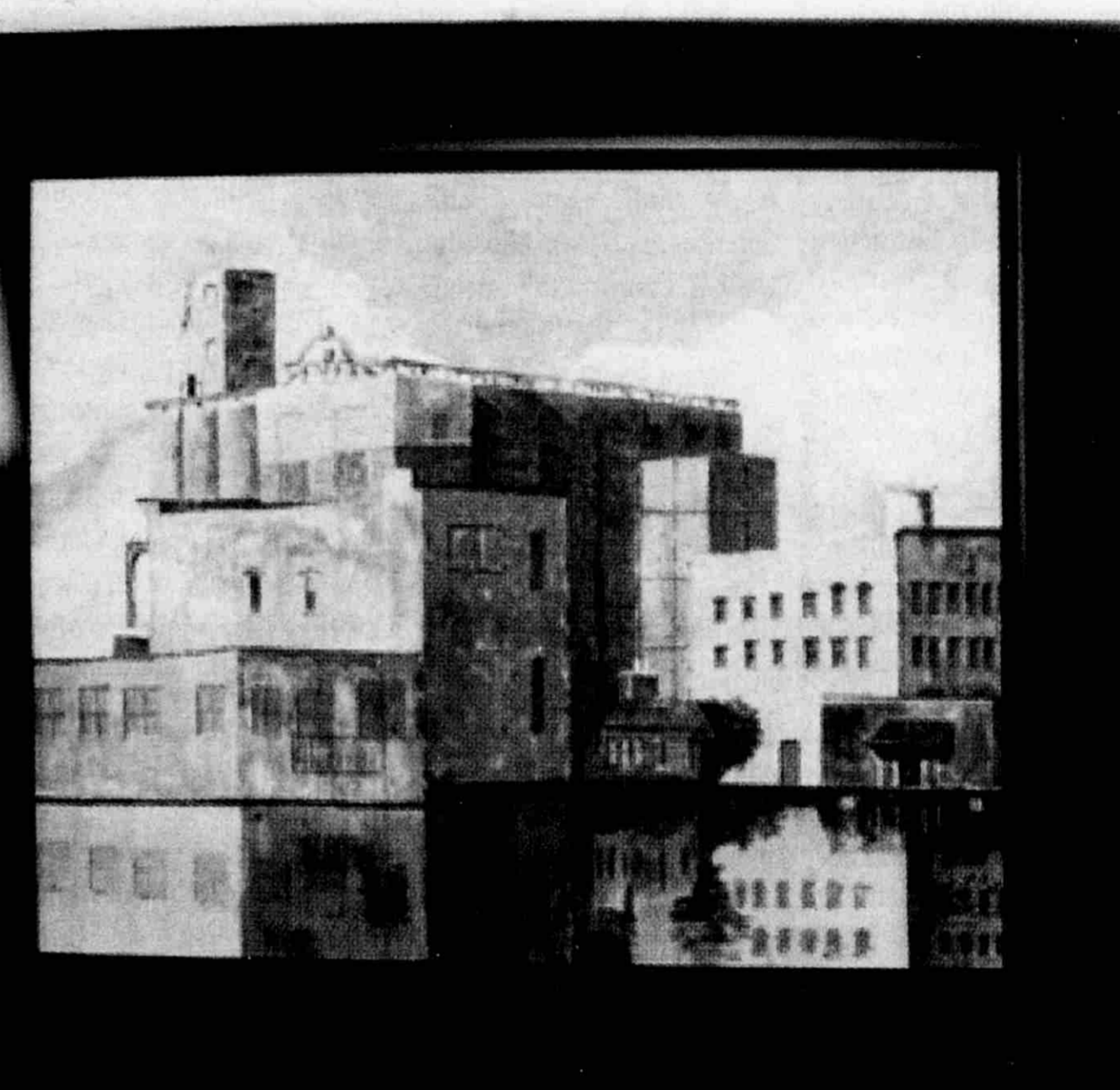
The exhibit runs from July 19 through Sept. 9. Public reception is Sept. 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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for the deadline. Are you allowing other ones to make amendments?"

Beauchum suggested that the LCTV Endowment Fund board should grant requests more than once a year.

"The city council should open it up to more than once a year," he said.

Mayor Jim Hodges said the council may look at other periods of time during the year to review applications for LCTV funds.

"Your point is well taken," said Hodges.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison defended the project.

"It's not an additional project," said Ellison. "It's more effective to do it now. We've made an exception."

She said the LCTV board and the city council may consider exceptions on a case by case basis.

"This is not a whole new project," she said.

Everything will be a white vinyl application with no wood exposed, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

In related business, the council approved \$14,915 for chip sealing of North Center Street from the road maintenance fund. The seal coating will hold the deteriorated street together for the next one to two years.

"It buys us time to stabilize the road," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "It is not the final answer. It will help the road quite a bit."

The leftover balance of \$10,000 will be used to patch up future potholes, according to the Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

In other business, police chief James Hinton introduced the new full-time police officer Blair Kacos.

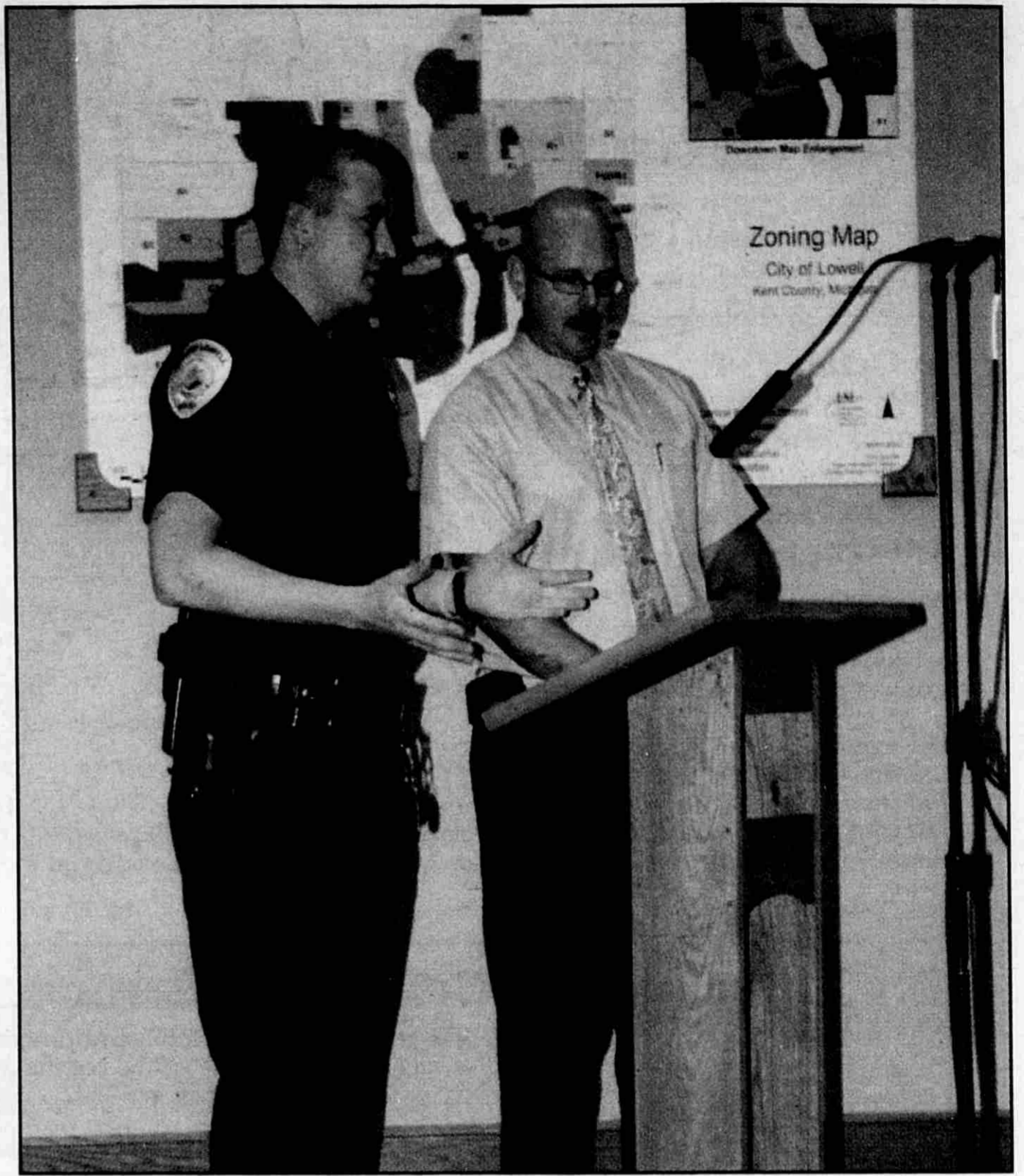
Kacos has worked part-time in the department since 2009. He is originally from the Hopkins/Allegan area.

Hinton also informed the council about the dispatch switch to the Kent County Dispatch Authority to be completed by Oct. 4.

The Lowell Area Police Department has received \$40,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund for radios and other equipment. Other grants from LCTV are pending.

The city may go out for bids to upgrade the building at 990 N. Washington Street for an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. This would include the repair of windows and possibly provide electricity.

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